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SUBJECT: SADAT'S APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT ON ISRAELI  
SINAI SETTLEMENTS

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1. YOU SHOULD TELL SADAT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS YOUR  
REPORT OF YOUR MEETING WITH SADAT JANUARY 11 WHICH CONVEYED  
SADAT'S REQUEST FOR HELP ON THE ISSUE OF ISRAELI SETTLE-  
MENTS IN SINAI. THE PRESIDENT WANTS PRESIDENT SADAT  
TO KNOW THAT HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND  
WANTS TO HELP SADAT RESOLVE IT.

2. AS SADAT KNOWS, THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY, AND OTHER  
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USG SPOKESMEN, HAVE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS EXPRESSED OUR  
DISAPPROVAL OF AND OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY. THE PRESIDENT  
DID SO MOST RECENTLY IN HIS JANUARY 12 PRESS CONFERENCE.  
WE HAVE TAKEN A RELATIVELY LOW-KEY STAND PUBLICLY ON  
ISRAELI STATEMENTS IN THE SINAI BECAUSE WE DO NOT THINK  
ACRIMONIOUS PUBLIC DEBATE AT THIS STAGE, ON EVE OF

JERUSALEM TALKS, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION. BUT THE PRESIDENT WANTS PRESIDENT SADAT TO KNOW THAT HE HAS SENT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN A LETTER IN WHICH HE VERY CANDIDLY

RESTATED THE USG POSITION ON THE SETTLEMENTS ISSUE AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER RECENT ISRAELI ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER WILL INSTRUCT SECRETARY VANCE TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE FURTHER WITH BEGIN IN JERUSALEM, AND THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO REPORT ON HIS EXCHANGES IN JERUSALEM WHEN HE SEES SADAT ON HIS WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON. IN THE MEANTIME, THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED WILL OBVIOUSLY BEST BE SERVED BY AVOIDING FURTHER PUBLIC EXCHANGES. IN THIS REGARD, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF AND ARE GRATIFIED BY THE STATESMANLIKE RESTRAINT EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT SADAT IN DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT.

4. FYI. WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT SADAT (AS WELL AS HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISORS) NEED BUCKING UP. HIS MOOD OF IMPATIENCE SEEMS TO STEM FROM AN UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION THAT HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM WOULD PRODUCE INSTANTANEOUS DIVIDENDS IN TERMS OF BASIC REVISIONS OF ISRAELI POLICY. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SADAT'S VISIT HAD THE MOST FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES IN CHANGING THE PERCEPTIONS--  
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BOTH PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL--THAT UNDERLIE ISRAELI POLICIES. THE FRUITS OF SADAT'S COURAGEOUS STEP ARE ALREADY EVIDENT IN TERMS OF MANY ASPECTS OF ISRAEL'S NEGOTIATING POSITION IN CONTRAST TO POSITION ISRAEL WAS TAKING PRIOR TO VISIT, BUT ITS FULL IMPACT WILL ONLY MANIFEST ITSELF OVER TIME AND AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED. NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE SOME TIME, AND IT IS STATING THE OBVIOUS TO POINT OUT THAT ISRAEL WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN IN NEGOTIATIONS THE ADVANTAGES IT HOPES TO GET AND FEELS IT NEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A BROAD PUBLIC CONSENSUS WITHIN ISRAEL FOR MOVEMENT TOWARDS A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THIS WILL REQUIRE, ON SADAT'S PART, PATIENCE AS WELL AS DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF NEGOTIATIONS. BUT HE NEED NOT BECOME DISCOURAGED.

5. PERHAPS YOU WILL FIND THE OCCASION IN YOUR NEXT TALK WITH SADAT TO GET SOME OF THIS ACROSS. PRESIDENT CARTER STANDS BY HIS COMMITMENTS TO SADAT AND REMAINS DETERMINED TO HELP HIM PURSUE HIS OBJECTIVE OF A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE. THE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED ARE STILL DIFFICULT AND THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WILL BE TIME-CONSUMING. BUT THOSE ISSUES ARE ULTIMATELY SOLUABLE, AND

SADAT SHOULD NOT LOSE CONFIDENCE. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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